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SUBJECT: NATO OBSERVERS AT PAKISTAN-HOSTED CENTO EVENTS

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS NO DIRECT INFORMATION CONCERNING MOTIVATION FOR DECISION BY PAKISTAN TO WIT HOLD FROM NATO OBSERVERS INVITATIONS TO CENTO MILITARY ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY PAKISTAN. DECISION WAS PRESENTED TO CENTO PERMANENT MILITARY DEPUTIES GROUP IN ANKARA BY PAK PERMANENT MILITARY DEPUTY ON MAY 29.

2. MINUTES OF CENTO MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETING IN RAWALPINDI APRIL 2-3 INDICATE PAK REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH LIAISON BETWEEN CENTO AND NATO; HOWEVER,
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HE RECOMMENDED LIAISON SHOULD BE ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS AND

CONFINED TO FIELDS OF MILITARY TRAINING AND VISITS. THIS
COULD BE INTERPRETED TO EXCLUDE EXERCISES AND MEETINGS.
ISSUE DID NOT ARISE AT CENTO MINISTERIAL MEETING IN ANKARA
MAY 22-23.

3. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, PAK PERMANENT MILITARY DEPUTY
AT CENTO HEADQUARTERS HAS COMMENTED TO US PERMANENT MILI-
TARY DEPUTY THAT DECIS-ON WAS MADE AT POLITICAL LEVEL

BECAUSE DEGREE OF SUPPORT FOR PAKISTAN EXPRESSED BY OTHER
CENTO MINISTERS DURING MINISTERIAL MEETING DID NOT WARRANT
AGGRAVATING SOVIET UNION ON MATTER OF NATO-CENTO
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